



Inspection Report

Nick Sculac

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Site: 001

NICK SCULAC

BIG CATS OF SERENITY SPRINGS
24615 SCOTT ROAD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

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3.125 (a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

3.125 (a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

In the enclosure housing 2 alpaca inside the shelter covering the window on the north side is wire mesh (chicken wire) with sharp edges bent upwards towards the animals that could cause injuries.

In the enclosure housing Lazarus, Diablo and Twinkle the elevated resting platform has shredded, splintering wood with a nail head protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Capricho and India the plywood shelter has shredded, splintering wood with a hole on the front is not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Elijah and Jezebel the elevated resting platform has shredded, splintering wood with 2 nail heads on the right side protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Daisy and Seth the elevated resting platform (spool) has shredded, splintering wood with a nail head protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Boo the bottom platform that leads to the elevated shelter on the left side has 2 nail heads protruding upward that could potentially injure the animal.

In the enclosure housing Zena and Zoey the elevated resting platform (spool) has shredded, splintering wood with broken boards and not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Pandora the elevated resting platform (spool) has shredded, splintering with rough edges and not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Sumadi and Eragon the elevated resting platform has shredded splintering wood with a nail head protruding upward on the left side that could injure the animal.

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In the enclosure housing Sinbad the upper elevated resting platform across from the shelter has shredded, splintering wood with rough edges and 3 nail heads protruding upward that could injure the animal.

In the enclosure housing Phoebe, Rocky and Reyna the elevated resting platform (spool) has splintering wood with nail head protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Gabrielle and Tabitha the front elevated resting platform (spool) has shredded, splintering wood with large metal staples protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Billy, Jake and Chepe the two front elevated resting platforms (spools) has shredded, splintering wood with broken boards and nail heads protruding upward which could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Amber and Eden the right lower level of the elevated resting platform has 2 nail heads protruding upward which could injure the animals.

In the enclosure housing Sultan the metal roof of the shelter has broken away and is bent upward with sharp jagged edges. The animal can jump onto the roof and the sharp edge could potentially injure the animals. Prior to this new tiger being placed inside the enclosure the roof which has been cited on previous inspections could have been repaired or replaced.

In the enclosure housing Charlie and Chainsaw the first elevated resting platform (spool) has shredded, splintering wood with 2 nail heads protruding upward from the top and 1 nail protruding downward from the bottom that could cause injuries to the animals.

In the enclosure housing Tiger the roof on the shelter where the two sides of the roof meet is missing the center piece leaving a gap in the middle across the top where an animal could potentially get injured and is not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Charaka and Priya the elevated resting platform has nail heads protruding upward that could injure the animals. The roof on the shelter where the two sides of the roof meet is missing the center piece leaving a gap in the middle across the top where an animal could potentially get injured and is not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Trini the roof of the shelter where the two sides of the roof meet is missing the center piece leaving a gap in the middle across the top where an animal could potentially get injured and is not in good repair.

In the enclosure housing Zara and Niko the roof of the shelter where the two sides of the roof meet is missing the center piece leaving a gap in the middle across the top where an animal could potentially get injured and is not in good repair.

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In the enclosure housing Eva and Juanita the elevated resting platform on the north side has nail heads protruding upward that could injure the animals.

Indoor and outdoor facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect and contain the animals.

This is a repeat violation from inspections conducted on September 12, 2011, May 18, 2011, January 19, 2011, November 15, 2010, June 2, 2010, April 8, 2010, March 9, 2010, January 19, 2010, October 1, 2009, May 18, 2009, January 20, 2009, September 25, 2008, May 27, 2008, January 2, 2008, September 17, 2007, June 25, 2007, April 6, 2007, July 6, 2006 and July 15, 2005 with an original correction date of July 16, 2006 and July 29, 2005.

3.127 (d) REPEAT FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

3.127 (d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 8 feet high for potentially dangerous animals, such as, but not limited to, large felines (e.g., lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, etc.), bears, wolves, rhinoceros, and elephants, or less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

The perimeter fence on the north west side of the property near the parking area is not the sufficient height of 8 feet for potentially dangerous animals. During the inspection conducted on November 15, 2010 licensee stated that the perimeter fence was 7 feet high. Since the fence does not effectively restrict predators or animals with contagious diseases from entering the facility or regulated animals from potentially escaping the health and well-being of the facility's animals are at risk.

Provide a perimeter fence that protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals from going through it or under it and so that it functions as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

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WATERING.

3.130 Watering. If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. Frequency of watering shall consider age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal.

The water receptacle for 3 geriatric mountain lions (Buddy, Baby, and Cheyenne) was completely empty at the time of the inspection. Two of the 3 mountain lions (Buddy and Baby) ran to the water receptacle when the inspection team approached that area of the enclosure to check on the availability of water for these cats. The licensee left to get water and the cats were noted to sit in front of the receptacle, lick at the empty bowl, and pace around the bowl while waiting. As soon as the licensee poured water into the bowl, both cats begin to avidly drink. The cat, identified by the licensee as Buddy, drank continuously for over 2 minutes. The other cat, identified by the licensee as Baby, drank continuously for just over 1 minute. The licensee had stated that these animals were getting older and probably need to be rechecked by the veterinarian for kidney function, as this is common in geriatric felines. These animals appear to be draining their water bowls completely as no frozen water was observed in or around the bowl, as had been observed in other big cat enclosures, and the bowl was completely dry at the time of the inspection (~11:15 AM). Geriatric mountain lions may require more frequent watering due to their age and possible physiologic condition, such as diminished kidney function.

These animals should be monitored more closely to ensure that there is fresh, potable water available as often as possible to meet their needs.

To be corrected immediately.

3.131

(d)

REPEAT

SANITATION.

3.131 Sanitation (d) Pest control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

In the indoor housing facility for Chip (Binturong) along the north wall behind the plexiglass and on the floor below all the walls is an excess accumulation of rodent droppings, debris and cobwebs. The holes in the wall previously identified as a possible living area for rodents and other pests has been sealed. Because of the excess amount of rodent droppings and cobwebs still present it could not be determined if these pests are still harboring within the indoor housing facility and an effective pest control program was implemented. The harboring of these pests can spread diseases to all the animals in the facility.

Establish and maintain an effective pest control program.

This is a repeat violation from inspections conducted on September 12, 2011, May 18, 2011, June 2, 2010, June 25, 2007 with an original correction date of July 27, 2007.

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Inspection accompanied by Dr. Tracy Thompson, VMO, USDA, Animal Care; Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officer and owner. An exit briefing was conducted with licensee.

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